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Guy Cumberbatch
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

5 In re Application of: Lunsford, et al.) Group Art Unit: 3732
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 Application No.: 10/807,368)
) Examiner: Candice Capri Stokes
 Filing Date: March 22, 2004)
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 10 For: VESSEL RETRACTION DEVICE)
 AND METHOD)
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 15 Mail Stop Amendment
 Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

20 Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in eleven (11) pages responsive to the Office Action dated February 9, 2006 in the above-identified application. Also attached are:

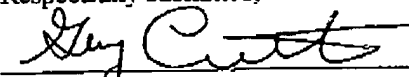
- 25 (X) The claim fee calculation is provided below:
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	Claims Remaining		Highest Prev.		Present		Rate	Fee
30	<u>After Amendment</u>	<u>Minus</u>	<u>Paid For</u>		<u>Extra</u>			
	Total Claims 31	-	20	=	11	x	50	= \$ 550
	<u>Indep Claims 5</u>	-	3	=	2	x	200	= \$ 400
					TOTAL DUE			= \$ 950

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Respectfully submitted,

Date: May 4, 2006


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Responsive to the Office Action dated February 9, 2006, please make the changes and
note the remarks below:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.

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